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**TWO MORE PLANTS FOLLOW FORD'S LEAD—  
MAY FORCE MEAT MEN TO COME THROUGH  
—WOLGAST PUTS IT OVER ON JOE RIVERS**

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## LABOR-**SAVING** MACHINE CRUSHES OUT A LIFE IN BIG PLANT

*Worker at Montgomery Ward & Co. Plant Ground to  
Death In Monster Peanut Roasting Machine—Huge  
Flywheel Which Buzzed On As He Worked On  
It Threw Him to the Floor a Broken Mass.*

### Bulletin.

The coroner's jury gave cause for further investigation into the death of Charles Knoelt in the Montgomery Ward plant by returning an open verdict.

The mighty labor-saving machinery in the Montgomery Ward & Co. plant at Chicago avenue and Larabee whirled a man to a horrible death Friday.

The man, Charles Knoelt, 50, surrendered his life that one of the big peanut roasting machines might not lose a revolution.

Knoelt was instructed to fix a hanger near the top of the machine near the fly wheel. He mounted a ladder between a beam and the revolving shaft, which was making six hundred revolutions a minute.

While he was at work on the hanger there was only four inches between him and the dangerous shafts. But other workmen had been forced to work in this precarious position. To refuse would have probably meant one's job.

On the floor below, an employee named Dennis watched him. Knoelt was forced to bend over slightly in order to adjust part of the hanger.